



Sheldon Adelson now fighting a bribery probe after wasting over \$150 million to buy Republicans

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In the end, Adelson and his wife — who split their time between Las Vegas and Israel — actually bankrolled the GOP cause through donations to a variety of so-called superPACs and non-profit groups to the tune of nearly \$150 million. This made Adelson the biggest single political donor in the United States during the 2012 election cycle.

Right now Adelson is pulling strings through his GOP contacts in Washington in an effort to get the federal inquiries into his business associates shut down. Insiders say House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) — a close Adelson friend — will be a valuable ally in the days ahead.

Initially, Adelson financed the presidential ambitions of Newt Gingrich, who was once investigated by the FBI for conspiring to accept a \$10 million bribe through an Israeli front group in Washington. But after Gingrich bowed out, Adelson switched his support to Mitt Romney who — like Adelson — has been a longtime close friend of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

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